

Becoming an Eagle Scout is an extraordinary award with which only the finest Boy Scouts are honored. To earn the award—the highest advancement rank in Scouting—a Boy Scout must demonstrate proficiency in the rigorous areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills; they must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges as well as contribute at least 100 man-hours toward a community oriented service project.

It is with great pride that I recognize the achievements of Sean and bring the attention of Congress to this successful young man on his day of recognition, October 4, 2009. Congratulations to Sean and his family.

TOM KING

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the actions of Mr. Tom King of Saint Jacob, Illinois.

Mr. King rode his bicycle halfway across the United States to commemorate the life of Caleb Zarzecki, a former student who lost his battle with cancer last year. King, a teacher at Collinsville Middle School, described his ride as “a journey of faith and healing.” The cross-country journey raised funds for a scholarship established in Caleb Zarzecki’s name.

Mr. King started his journey on June 26 in Seattle, Washington, and traveled more than 2,000 miles to his home in Saint Jacob, Illinois. He rode 40 to 60 miles every day, sleeping at local campgrounds and churches in Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri and finally Illinois.

Mr. King’s actions exemplify a teacher’s devotion to his students. It is my hope that this model of dedication may inspire us all. As we honor Mr. King, I extend my heartfelt thoughts and prayers to the family of Caleb Zarzecki.

RICHARD J. AND FRANCES G.
COWEN

HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I stand today to honor the memory and service of Mr. Richard J. Cowen and his wife, Mrs. Frances G. Cowen, both members of the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. Mr. and Mrs. Cowen were residents of my district in upstate New York, and their daughter, Ms. Mary F. Bechy, currently resides in Waterville, NY.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowen were highly decorated for their service in the American and Pacific Theaters. Mrs. Cowen, a nurse in Hawaii and the Philippines, received the Asiatic Pacific Theater ribbon with Bronze Star, the Philippine Liberation ribbon, the American Theater ribbon and the World War II Victory Medal. For his service, Mr. Cowen was honored with the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, the Philippine Liberation Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Cowen for their service on behalf of our Nation during a time of great peril. Their sacrifice and dedication is truly an example for us all. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. and Mrs. Cowen and the many men and women who serve in our Nation’s Armed Forces.

90TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 80

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to rise today to honor one of America’s finest organizations, the American Legion, and to recognize one of its local posts, Whiting American Legion Post 80, on its 90th anniversary. Post 80 came to be shortly after the founding of the national organization. In honor of this momentous occasion, the members of Post 80 will be celebrating with dinner and entertainment on Sunday, September 19, 2009, at the legion hall in Whiting, where they will host Robert Newman, Department of Indiana American Legion Commander, as their featured speaker.

Just yesterday, the United States House of Representatives joined the Senate in passing legislation supporting the goals and ideals of American Legion Day. For the past ninety years, Whiting Post 80 has been an extraordinary example of the ideals and mission of the American Legion. Overall, the American Legion boasts nearly 15,000 posts, and remarkably, consists of nearly three million members. In their communities, American Legion posts are a source of pride for their many contributions made to aid veterans and to better their communities.

Throughout the years, Whiting Post 80 has taken heed of the American Legion’s mission. They have been well known in the Whiting-Robertsdale area for their many activities aimed at honoring veterans, which have included an honor guard and drum and bugle corps, but also for their many programs that serve the youth and families in their community.

From within the ranks of its membership, Whiting Post 80 has seen some of its members rise to great ranks within the American Legion organization. They have had two members, Donald Hynes and Richard Quattrin, serve as Department of Indiana Commanders. Quite impressively, Mr. Quattrin also served at the national level as the National Executive Committeeman for the Department of Indiana. Four of Post 80’s members have also been honored with the American Legion’s highest award, The Distinguished Service Award. These individuals are: Donald Hynes, who served as post adjutant for five years, Leo Mulva, who served as post adjutant for a remarkable forty-eight years, Richard Quattrin, who also served an impressive thirty years as post adjutant, and Bert Tiemersma.

Additionally, of the nearly one hundred World War II veterans who are members of Post 80, sixteen of them have over sixty years of service to the organization, including their longtime service officer, Nick Oprisko, who still serves in that capacity and is in his 66th year with the post.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing American Legion Post 80 and its members on its 90th anniversary. I also ask that you join me in honoring its membership for their service to their community, its veterans, and their commitment to the ideals of the American Legion. Their efforts have played a major role in elevating the quality life in their community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ISRAEL CANCER RESEARCH FUND AND THE 2009 BARBARA GOODMAN ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC AWARDS & DONOR RECOGNITION EVENING

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize an extraordinary organization, an amazing group of donors and the launch of a new musical. The Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) is the single largest source of private funds for cancer research in Israel, and its generous donors have raised nearly \$37 million for cancer research by Israeli scientists. Tonight at the 2009 Barbara Goodman Annual Scientific Awards & Donor Recognition evening, ICRF is announcing this year’s cancer research grants and celebrating the magnanimousness of ICRF’s remarkable benefactors. The evening’s festivities will feature a preview performance of Wallenberg, The Musical, a new musical about the courageous efforts of Raoul Wallenberg to save a significant portion of the Hungarian Jewish community from the Holocaust.

Since its founding in 1975, ICRF has become the largest single source of private funds for cancer research in the State of Israel. The Fund has provided tens of millions of dollars worth of grants in thousands of separate awards to top-notch scientists at all of Israel’s leading research institutions. ICRF awards are often the first grants young scientists receive following completion of their academic studies, and allow them to establish labs, begin their professional research and attract grants from other sources, while remaining in Israel. Grant recipients include the first Israelis ever to receive the Nobel Prize in the sciences. Some remarkable breakthroughs of ICRF-supported researchers include the development of drugs that treat multiple myeloma; that target cancer cells directly; and that are encapsulated in a liposome for direct delivery to tumor sites. Other projects have helped scientists conduct cutting-edge cancer research on genes, leading to the identification of the p53 gene as a tumor suppressor; the discovery that a minor mutation in the RAD51 gene increases the risk of breast cancer; and pioneering work on DNA Methylation, a molecular process that turns genes on and off. In addition, ICRF provided critical support to the development of a novel bone marrow transplant technique that significantly expanded the donor pool for leukemia treatment.

Barbara S. Goodman lost her battle to pancreatic cancer on July 18, 2002 at the age of 51. She was a loving wife and mother and a devoted friend who made the people she loved the center of her life. Ms. Goodman had